

KPFT Local Station Board and Delegates Assembly Minutes

January 10, 2017

The Montrose Center

401 Branard, Houston, TX 77006

I. Call to Order of Local Station Board.

II. Roll Call.

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| 1. Adriana Casenave P | 15. Jerry Lynch P |
| 2. Bill Crosier P | 16. Bob Mark Resigned |
| 3. Joseph Davis P | 17. PK McCary P |
| 4. Elayne Duncan P | 18. Susie Moreno P |
| 5. Nick Economidis P | 19. Vinisha Patel-Adams (NV) |
| 6. Anisa Faruqi P | 20. Deb Shafto P |
| 7. Rhonda Garner P | 21. KC Sinclair P |
| 8. Robert Gartner P | 22. Clif Smith P |
| 9. Alexandra Hunter P | 23. Rita Washington P |
| 10. Wally James P | 24. Ted Weisgal P |
| 11. Jim Krafka P | 25. Vaniecia Williams Excused Absence |
| 12. DeWayne Lark P | 26. Larry Winters (NV) A |
| 13. Adrienne LaViolette P | 27. Rick Pottoff P |
| 14. Mike Lewis P | |

Motion by Joseph Davis to accept the resignation of Robert Mark. Passed without objection.

DELEGATES ASSEMBLY

The Delegates Assembly was called to order at 7:15pm.

Moved to elect KC Sinclair as chair of the Delegates Assembly. Approved without objection.

Nominations of Ted Weisgal or Elayne Duncan to serve as secretary of the Delegates Assembly.

Ted elected, 10-7.

Nominations to fill the seat previously held by Robert Mark as a member of the Pacifica National Board until the new board is seated at the end of January, 2018.

Jerry Lynch

DeWayne Lark

Vaniecia Williams

Without objection, Vaniecia Williams nomination by Alexandra Hunter was withdrawn.

Each candidate was given one minute to make their statement.

The body, by unanimous consent, agreed to a secret ballot (as specified in the bylaws).

Jerry Lynch 10 votes

DeWayne Lark 12 votes

DeWayne Lark elected

Nominations for the 2018 PNB

Staff Position:

Joseph Davis Accepted

Rhonda Garner Accepted

Wally James Accepted

By consent of the body, each candidate received 1 minute for a statement. Each LSB member received 30 seconds to ask a question; each candidate received 30 seconds to answer. Rhonda Garner arrived late, after about 60% of the questions were asked.

Joseph Davis 12 votes Elected

Rhonda Garner 7 votes

Wally James 4 votes

Listener Positions (all accepted their nominations):

Adriana Casenave

DeWayne Lark

PK McCary

Jerry Lynch

Vaneicia Williams

Elayne Duncan

Bill Crosier Elected

Adriana Casenave Elected

DeWayne Lark Elected

Bill Crosier Elected

The body voted to continue the Local Station Board meeting next Wednesday, January 17 at 7pm.

The tentative location is The Montrose Center.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12pm

From 8 to 8:30pm, there was Public Comment.

Note: Each of these individuals was sent the following (only their remarks). They have been asked to verify the accuracy of these summaries. Their edits (Carolina Ramirez, Don Freeman and Alan Alan Apurim) are posted in italics below.

1. Ron Blake...Thanks to all for your service to KPFT. Congratulations to the chair for the order of this meeting vs. the last one. I want to talk about t-shirts. I am a peacekeeper at the Kerrville Folk Festival and my shirt identifies me. It works. For 2018, adopt a peacekeeper role for the LSB. Ask how you can help KPFT.

2. Carolina Ramirez...I'm on the staff of United We Dream. We have 65,000 people in Houston who are facing the loss of jobs and deportation. Starting in September, I am facing deportation. I am a college grad. Before I was hired by UWD, I waited tables. KPFT needs to give more attention to this subject *and highlight stories of people like myself who could benefit from the proposed bipartisan Dream Act.*

Don Freeman...Most of you have seen me before at these LSB Meetings or some at The Station. Great job as chair. The old ways of outreach are going to give you the old way of getting a response. We need to use social media to spread our word. Pacifica, KPFT has restructured. I'm doing three or four different jobs each day. The LSB and PNB should come to the station and find out what's going on at the station. Look at HD. Bobby and I are filling up the HD schedule. I'm at the station from 10 am on and I am devoted to KPFT. Know what's going on at KPFT. Right now the station is running more smoothly than before. We are not spending more money on paying staff than money coming in. PNB members need to know what's going on. We can't do loans and get the foundation deeper and deeper into debt. We have to restructure. We are not a union station and that's why the station is working, so our union contracts must be renegotiated. We have diverse programming by representatives of all ilk on both FM and are bringing in even more diversity to HD Station.

5. Alán Alán Apurim...*I would like to put out the idea, related to raising funds and outreach, that we should go beyond the local market and "think outside the box." Promote the growth of Pacifica. Start other stations (in the most efficient way possible, maybe Internet-only) in new markets like Denver, Atlanta, Chicago, and maybe Phoenix, Seattle, St. Louis. Let's seek foundation grants. Not all of the "top-1%" of the wealthy are greedy; some may be willing to give us grants or place us in their wills.*

. . . Every traditional media (radio, TV, newspapers) is declining in customers, because there are new forms of media now vying for attention every 24-hours. That partly accounts for declining KPFT membership; but calls for robust advertising, targeting markets with their interests. For example, next Monday (MLK parade) we need to have a flyer that promotes African American programming. I listen to KUHF as much as KPFT because of programs like Houston Matters, Texas Standard, Think, Here & Now, Fresh Air, etc. — in-depth reports on the latest in S.T.E.A.M.! Don't cut back, promote the network growth of Pacifica!

6. Nancy Saibara Naritome...Last Thursday Pacifica selected a new ED. The new ED is now going through a background check. People heard that we're facing bankruptcy and due to that they are withholding donations. Many people don't have computers. We must have paper and we need to remain on the radio. Please come to the outreach committee meetings. We need to promote KPFT to people of color. Japanese and Chinese money is good too. We need to take our microphone to the people.